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SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" My question has not been answered, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will allow the hon. Member to put the question again."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister said that in respect of tanks which have been handed over to the local bodies the Government have no responsibility. May I know, Sir, what the Government proposes to do to ensure drinking water-supply to the people in those cases where the local bodies do not carry out the necessary repairs for want of funds? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I said the Government are paying from State funds the amounts necessary both for sinking new wells and for deepening existing wells. The responsibility for carrying out repairs to tanks handed over to local bodies rests with them."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Under the scheme of protected water-supply, the Government grant funds only to sink wells. There are places where even if you sink wells to a depth of sixty or more feet, you cannot find water. Unless there is water in the drinking water tanks in those places, the people will suffer. So, instead of granting money to dig wells, I would advise that the money should be given for repairing the tanks."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member must put the question and not advise the Government."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" I ask whether the Government will consider the advisability of changing their policy? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This matter has to be considered."

Expenditure incurred on Republic Day Celebrations.

* 419 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the total amount of expenditure incurred by the Government in connection with the celebration of the Republic Day on 26th January 1953 in the City of Madras and in the districts?

11-10 a.m. THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Rs. 5,477 in Madras City and Rs. 2,554–4–0 in the districts."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" இதில் வாணவேடிக்கைக்கு செலவு செய்யப்பட்ட தொகை எவ்வளவு என்பதை கனம் முதல் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லுவாரா? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" இப்பொழுது நான் சொன்னதில் அது அடங்கி இருக்கிறது."